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**KAW RIVER IS  
ON THE RISE****It Was at a Standstill From 2  
O'clock Until 10 A. M.****Heavy Rains During the Night  
Start a New Rise.****STAGE OF 22.6 FEET AT 3 P. M.****It Is Expected to Reach 24  
Feet by Tonight.****Nearly All Northern Tributaries  
at Flood Stage.**

Following a slight drop in the river stage early this morning from 21.3 to 21 feet even, the Kaw began a gradual rise at 9 o'clock. The stage at 11:30 o'clock was 21.8, at 1 o'clock 22.1, and at 2 o'clock it was 22.4. The river stage was 22.6 at 3:35 o'clock.

S. D. (Sunny) Flora, the weather observer, stated this afternoon that he believed it could be safely said that the river will not go beyond a 24 foot stage tonight, but he admitted there is a possibility that later a 26 foot stage may be reached.

The stage of the Kaw at Wamego at 2 o'clock this afternoon was 18.3 feet, a rise of 1.5 feet since 7 o'clock. The river had just begun to go out of its bank at that point. The total rainfall at Wamego up to 2 o'clock was 2.63 inches, and at Manhattan, 2.49. The measurement at Topeka was .87 of an inch.

At 2 o'clock at Topeka the sun was attempting to shine through clouds that were somewhat threatening in appearance.

The stage of the Blue river at Blue Rapids this morning was 35 feet, a rise of 1.5 feet since Friday. The Republican at Clay Center was 19.08 today, a rise of 1.1 feet since Friday. The Solomon at Beloit showed a stage of 31.3 feet, which is 2.9 feet higher than Friday. Bank full stage at that point is 16 feet.

The Santa Fe reports that the water is the highest of the season at Holli-day.

It is possible that traffic will be tied up.

The dikes were built to hold water at a thirty-two foot stage at Topeka.

"Sunny" Flora stated this morning that he did not consider the situation nearly as serious as in 1908.

The government reports from over the state show that there was little rain in the western portion of the state. The heaviest rain was at Wamego—2.10. Concordia got 2.04.

But the reports were for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 o'clock. Rain has fallen in the Kaw valley since that time. The Santa Fe reports rain beginning at 8 o'clock between Emporia and Kansas City.

After two floods that caused a number of North riders to move their belongings to South Topeka, residents of the North side drainage district assumed a "watchful waiting" attitude this morning. Only one or two moving vans were seen in North Topeka.

Due to an accidental breaking of the big belt at the Fairchild pumping station there was water in a few of the lower blocks until nearly noon today. However, the water was quickly diminished when the pump was repaired.

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**TURNING AGAINST BRYAN****Richard Metcalfe, Former Commoner  
Editor, Says Premier Is "Through."**

Sioux City, Iowa, June 19.—Democrat of this section were greatly surprised when Richard Metcalfe, former first hand man of William J. Bryan, and formerly editor of the Commoner, in a signed editorial in his own paper today read Bryan out of the Democratic party and predicted Senator Hitchcock will control the federal patronage in Nebraska.

Through influence of Bryan, Metcalfe was given one of the best jobs at the disposal of the administration at a salary of \$14,500. When congress abolished the position Metcalfe returned and ran for governor of Nebraska. Metcalfe and Hitchcock have been bitter political enemies, but appear to have healed up the breach.

**FREAKS OF BIG STORM  
IN WHICH DEATH LOSES**

Many stories of narrow escapes came in as telegraphic communication became better in the area affected. At Goltzy, Ok., J. R. Johnson and Volney Kraft, farmers, led their families into caves at the approach of a small tornado and saved their lives, the homes of both families being demolished.

The stone house of Metcalfe was blown over while Pipkin and his wife were within. Both escaped with bruises. Mrs. Clyde Carwood, who carried from her home into a wheat field a milk pail and escaped with slight injuries, B. E. Bowen, a farmer, suffered a fractured skull when a dwelling was blown in upon him. He will live.

Sixty-five cars were blown from the Frisco tracks in the yards at Fort Scott, Kan. One was a work train in which track laborers were riding. Three were injured. The home of J. T. Wood was blown over intact, carrying the occupants with it. No one was hurt. Several farm houses and many small buildings north of Fort Scott were blown away.

**FARMERS SEEK  
HIGHER GROUND****Dikes Break and Silver Lake Is  
a Real One.****Water at Rossville Near the Top  
of the Levee.****SOLDIER CREEK COMING UP****Within a Few Inches of Last  
Week's High Mark.****Rain Did Not Cause Overflow  
of the Shunganunga.**

Word was received at the local weather office at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon that the Silver Lake levee broke this morning and that this afternoon the lake is 500 feet by one and three-quarters miles in extent. This information came through the manager of the Silver Lake Telephone company. He also reported that the water level at Rossville this afternoon lacked but eight inches of going over the dike at Rossville and five inches of going over the dike at St. Marys.

The stage of the Kaw at Silver Lake at 2:30 this afternoon was reported to be eight inches higher than the maximum of last week.

The farmers east of Silver Lake began to move from the lowlands late Friday and continued operations today. They are taking their household possessions and their live stock to farms on higher land.

**May Help Topeka.**

The situation may ease up at Topeka somewhat late today because of the break in the Silver Lake levee, according to "Sunny" Flora. If the water should go over the dikes at Rossville and St. Marys it would also tend to help some here.

Local transfer companies reported this afternoon that some of the more timidly inclined had been moving out of North Topeka today as was the case last week when the Kaw began to rise.

**Big Rain at Junction City.**

A telegram from H. E. Montgomery at Junction City received this afternoon reads:

"Two and one-quarter inches of rain fell here within a half hour this morning flooding the streets. Hundreds of people were late to work. The Republican river rose a foot last night and this morning 'hit' the thirteen foot mark, one foot higher than last week's record."

A portion of the Union Pacific branch track three miles west of this city under water. Farmers living in the bottom lands near Albia are moving out.

**Sand Bags for Holiday.**

The Santa Fe loaded sand bags at Topeka today for shipment to Lawrence and Holli-day for the protection of the tracks against flood water.

Soldier creek is rising slowly this afternoon and at 9 o'clock it had reached a point within a few inches of the high mark of last week. The lower parts of Garfield park are flooded and a large lake has formed under the figure-eight from the old drain pipe which gave trouble last Friday. Central avenue has been impassable since an early hour this morning.

The rain did not affect Shunganunga creek, but all morning the spillway on Locust street was full to the top of the high curbing and there was a swift current between Sixth and Fourth streets.

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**THE WEATHER RECORD.**

Following are observations of the United States weather bureau for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning.

**Stations in Kansas.**

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Anthony..... 84 59 2.04

Concordia..... 86 60 0

Dodge City..... 86 60 0

Emporia..... 86 60 0

Fort Scott..... 86 60 0

Lawrence..... 86 60 0

Manhattan..... 86 60 0

Meriden..... 86 60 0

Newton..... 86 60 0

Shawnee..... 86 60 0

St. Marys..... 86 60 0

Uniontown..... 86 60 0

Wichita..... 86 60 0

Wamego..... 86 60 0

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**K. C. FLOOD  
LIKE ONE IN  
1908 NEAR****Connor, at Kansas City, Cries  
Warning to Lowlands.****Sends East and West Bottoms  
Folk to Upper Stories.****STATE'S RAILROADS AWASH****All Rivers in Kansas Full and  
Still Are Rising.****Twenty-One Dead; Great Prop-  
erty Loss in Three States.**

Kansas City, Mo., June 19.—Weather Observer Connor, at noon, with his telegrams on river and rain conditions from Kansas before him, said with both the Kansas and Missouri rivers rising rapidly, and heavy rains falling today, in the Kansas, Republican and Blue river valleys, Kansas

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Joplin, Mo.—Two year old daughter of Frank Ross, drowned in swollen creek, near Doss home.

Waterville, Kan.—Frank Reboil, drowned when a bridge went down, taking eight section men with it.

Downs, Kan.—Louis Vanderpool, farmer, drowned while attempting to cross the Solomon river.

Guthrie, Okla.—Claude Barnes, 18, and his brother James, 12, killed by lightning.

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**BAY STATE MAN WILL RUN  
ON "BRYAN PEACE TICKET"**

Boston, June 19.—Former Representative Whitfield Tuck of Winchester has announced he will run for governor as the candidate of a Bryan Peace Democratic party. In taking out nomination papers he said the platform of the proposed party would include measures which Mr. Bryan had endorsed.

**HEAVY RAINFALL****Downpour Along the Upper  
Kaw and Tributaries.****Union Pacific Trains Come in  
Over R. I. Tracks.**

Union Pacific connection remained unchanged today and all trains are being detoured from Manhattan over the Rock Island.

On account of further rains, the work of repairing the trouble at Belue and other points along the line could not go on last night.

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